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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FMD0001041 - Verdugo Debris Basin, Sediment Removal, City of Glendale (5), to R.C.C., in amount of \$560,220.00.

Project ID No. FMD0002050 - San Gabriel River Clearing, 2005, Cities of Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Industry, and Pico Rivera (1), to United Pacific Services, Inc., in amount of \$245,000.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014120 - Duquesne Avenue Over Ballona Creek, et al., Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica (2), to KLM Construction, Inc., in amount of \$207,803.00.

Project ID No. RMD1546030 - Parkway Tree Trimming, RD 518, FY 2004-05, vicinity of Covina (5), to Treesmith Enterprises, Inc., in amount of \$26,819.00.

Project ID No. RMD4247024 - Road Division 141/241 V, Slurry Seal, FY 2004-05, vicinities of Florence and Walnut Park (1 and 2), to Pavement Coatings Co., in amount of \$311,683.11.

Project ID No. SMDACO0103 - Normandie Avenue, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinities of Athens and City of Los Angeles (San Pedro) (2 and 4), to rePipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$179,560.50.

Project ID No. WWD2900011 - Malibu Branch Feeder Repairs, Phase II, vicinities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Malibu (3), to Steve Bubalo Construction Co., in amount of \$1,321,680.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0014120, RMD1546030, RMD4247024, and SMDACO0103.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001041, VERDUGO DEBRIS BASIN, SEDIMENT REMOVAL
(City of Glendale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Removal of sediment from Verdugo Debris Basin.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 5, 2005 (Synopsis 38)

BID OPENING DATE: August 9, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low +Remedial Civil Constructors, Inc., a corporation dba R.C.C. 3823 Ocean View Boulevard Montrose, California 91020 (818) 952-6752	\$560,220.00
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2 *Doja, Inc.	\$567,850.00
3 +Clarke Contracting Corporation	\$590,276.00
4 *G. Coast Construction, Inc.	\$597,600.00
5 +*Interior Demolition, Inc.	\$671,200.00
6 +S. P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc.	\$689,250.00

+LSBE

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$581,800.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$560,220.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 21,580.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 3.7 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

R.C.C. has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 25 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in October 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002050, SAN GABRIEL RIVER CLEARING, 2005
(Cities of Irwindale, Baldwin Park, Industry, and Pico Rivera),
Supervisory District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Environmentally sensitive removal of vegetation, litter, debris, and
other foreign material and its disposal.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 12, 2005 (Synopsis 31)

BID OPENING DATE: August 16, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low +	United Pacific Services, Inc., a corporation 120 East La Habra Boulevard, Suite 107 La Habra, California 90631 (562) 691-4600	\$245,000.00
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$280,000.00
3	*Belaire West Landscape, Inc.	\$314,000.00
4	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$382,744.00
5	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$383,974.00
6	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$445,418.68

+ LSBE
* MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$400,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$245,000.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$155,000.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 39 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Pacific Services, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 calendar days. It is estimated that the work will start in September and be completed in November 2005.

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014120, DUQUESNE AVENUE OVER BALLONA CREEK,
ET AL. (Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Retrofit of Duquesne Avenue bridge over Ballona Creek and the
demolition and removal of the 4th Street pedestrian over crossing
bridge at Washington School.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 5, 2005 (Synopsis 39)

BID OPENING DATE: August 2, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	KLM Construction, Inc., a corporation 1011 East Main, Suite 408 Puyallup, Washington 98372 (253) 444-5168	\$207,803.00
2	*G. Coast Construction	\$287,100.00
3	John S. Meek Company, Inc.	\$320,558.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$203,355.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$207,803.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 4,448.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.2 percent above the estimate.

This project is entirely within the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica. The Cities are to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the cost, in excess of Federal and State funds, under separate service requests.

This project will be administered under the State Seismic Safety Retrofit Program as a Federal-aid project covered by Agreement 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal and State funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

KLM Construction, Inc., has one DBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract yielding a proposed DBE participation of 13 percent. This contract has a Federal or State DBE goal of 6 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The work on 4th Street pedestrian over crossing at Washington School is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (h)(4), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (i)(4), of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The work on Duquesne Avenue over Ballona Creek is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 180.2, of the Street and Highway Code, and Section 21080 (b)(4), of the Public Resources Code.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October 2005 and be completed in January 2006.

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546030, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING, RD 518,
FY 2004-05 (in the vicinity of Covina), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 4, 2005 (Synopsis 63)

BID OPENING DATE: February 1, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Treesmith Enterprises, Inc., a corporation 1551 North Miller Street Anaheim, California 92806 (714) 996-6037	\$26,819.00
2	*+Orozco Landscape and Tree Co.	\$31,727.00
3	*Mariposa Horticultural Enterprises, Inc.	\$32,815.00
4	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$43,185.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$29,435.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$26,819.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 2,616.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 8.9 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Treesmith Enterprises, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in November 2005.

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD4247024, ROAD DIVISION 141/241 V, SLURRY SEAL,
FY 2004-05 (in the vicinities of Florence and Walnut Park),
Supervisory Districts 1 and 2

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of existing roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: January 18, 2005 (Synopsis 44)

BID OPENING DATE: February 15, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Pavement Coatings Co., a corporation P.O. Box 1491 Cypress, California 90630-6491 (714) 826-3011	\$311,683.11
2	Doug Martin Contracting Company, Inc.	\$316,073.39
3	Valley Slurry Seal Company	\$345,333.00
4	American Asphalt South, Inc.	\$350,553.15
5	+Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$365,651.43

*MWBE
+LSBE

Due to the economic affect of the extensive damages to the Department's roads and facilities caused by the winter rains, the award of the contract was delayed more than 90 calendar days. Bond Blacktop, Inc., was the low bidder with a bid of \$296,825.76. However, Bond Blacktop, Inc., requested that its bid be withdrawn without penalty due to the award delay. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the next lowest, responsible bidder.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$267,700.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$311,683.11
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 43,983.11

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate which was based on recent contract prices for similar items of work. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive, and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Pavement Coatings Co., a WBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0103, NORMANDIE AVENUE, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinities of Athens and the City of Los Angeles (San Pedro)),
Supervisory Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, lining of existing 8" sanitary sewers, and
sealing of all service connections.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: June 21, 2005 (Synopsis 84)

BID OPENING DATE: July 19, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	rePipe-California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, California 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$179,560.50
2	Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$196,574.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$169,680.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$179,560.50
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 9,880.50

The amount of the recommended contract is 5.8 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

rePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (b), of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in October and be completed in December 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. WWD2900011, MALIBU BRANCH FEEDER REPAIRS, PHASE II
(in the vicinities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and Malibu), Supervisorial District 3

TYPE OF WORK: Repair of the Malibu Branch Feeder high pressure water main including the removal and replacement of various air and vacuum release valves, fire hydrants, underground vaults, vault ventilation covers, and water main shutoff valves, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: July 12, 2005 (Synopsis 30)

BID OPENING DATE: August 9, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Steve Bubalo Construction Co., a corporation P.O. Box 1048 Monrovia, California 91017 (626) 574-7570	\$1,321,680.00
2	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$1,459,400.00
3	Majich Bros., Inc.	\$1,476,850.00
4	W. A. Rasic Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,573,474.00
5	DenBoer Engineering and Construction, Inc.	\$1,885,880.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 852,125.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,321,680.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 469,555.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 55 percent above the estimate which is based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates the major cost differential is in the cost estimated for steel and shoring requirements. A review of the bids received indicates that the estimated cost for these items were significantly underestimated. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. We recommend award of the project to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Steve Bubalo Construction Co., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e) and (i), and Class 3, Subsection (c), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 150 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in November 2005 and be completed in June 2006.

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